

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF OLD AND OUTDATED TELEPHONES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal for the replacement of old and outdated telephone instruments all over the country particularly in rural areas and cyclone affected areas of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have fixed any target date in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the replacement in order to reduce the problem of the telephone subscribers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) to (d): Sir, Telephones are being replaced as and when required to ensure fault free service. The telephones in cyclone affected areas of Orissa have been replaced already on priority.
- (e) Sir, the average life of the telephone instrument has been reduced from ten years to five years. This will enable the scrapping of old telephones after 5 years if they are not working satisfactorily.